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Amendment

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Offered by:

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"AN ACT CONCERNING BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR HOMELESS YOUTH."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 7-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

5 (a) The department and registrars of vital statistics shall restrict
6 access to and issuance of a certified copy of birth and fetal death
7 records and certificates less than one hundred years old, to the
8 following eligible parties: (1) The person whose birth is recorded, if
9 over [eighteen] sixteen years of age; (2) such person's children,
10 grandchildren, spouse, parent, guardian or grandparent; (3) the chief
11 executive officer of the municipality where the birth or fetal death
12 occurred, or the chief executive officer's authorized agent; (4) the local
13 director of health for the town or city where the birth or fetal death
14 occurred or where the mother was a resident at the time of the birth or
15 fetal death, or the director's authorized agent; (5) attorneys-at-law

16 representing such person or such person's parent, guardian, child or
17 surviving spouse; (6) a conservator of the person appointed for such
18 person; (7) members of genealogical societies incorporated or
19 authorized by the Secretary of the State to do business or conduct
20 affairs in this state; (8) agents of a state or federal agency as approved
21 by the department; and (9) researchers approved by the department
22 pursuant to section 19a-25. Except as provided in section 19a-42a,
23 access to confidential files on paternity, adoption, gender change or
24 gestational agreements, or information contained within such files,
25 shall not be released to any party, including the eligible parties listed
26 in this subsection, except upon an order of a court of competent
27 jurisdiction.

28 (b) No person other than the eligible parties listed in subsection (a)
29 of this section shall be entitled to examine or receive a copy of any
30 birth or fetal death record or certificate, access the information
31 contained therein, or disclose any matter contained therein, except
32 upon written order of a court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this
33 section shall be construed to permit disclosure to any person,
34 including the eligible parties listed in subsection (a) of this section, of
35 information contained in the "information for health and statistical use
36 only" section or the "administrative purposes only" section of a birth
37 certificate, unless specifically authorized by the department for
38 statistical or research purposes. The Social Security number of the
39 parent or parents listed on any birth certificate shall not be released to
40 any party, except to those persons or entities authorized by state or
41 federal law. Such confidential information, other than the excluded
42 information set forth in this subsection, shall not be subject to
43 subpoena or court order and shall not be admissible before any court
44 or other tribunal.

45 (c) The registrar of the town in which the birth or fetal death
46 occurred or of the town in which the mother resided at the time of the
47 birth or fetal death, or the department, may issue a certified copy of the
48 certificate of birth or fetal death of any person born in this state which

49 is kept in paper form in the custody of the registrar. Such certificate
50 shall be issued upon the written request of an eligible party listed in
51 subsection (a) of this section. Any registrar of vital statistics in this
52 state with access, as authorized by the department, to the electronic
53 vital records system of the department may issue a certified copy of
54 the electronically filed certificate of birth or fetal death of any person
55 born in this state upon the written request of an eligible party listed in
56 subsection (a) of this section.

57 (d) The department and each registrar of vital statistics shall issue
58 only certified copies of birth certificates or fetal death certificates for
59 births or fetal deaths occurring less than one hundred years prior to
60 the date of the request."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	7-51